

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
FOR THE DISTRICT OF MARYLAND

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MARYLAND SHALL ISSUE, INC., :  
et al., :  
: Case No:  
Plaintiffs : 16-cv-3311-MJG  
:   
-vs- : Pages 1 - 109  
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LAWRENCE HOGAN, in his :  
capacity of Governor of :  
Maryland, et al., :  
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Defendants :  
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Deposition of James Johnson  
Baltimore, Maryland  
Tuesday, March 13, 2018

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1 situation where there had been an accidental  
2 discharge of a handgun?

3 A. I'd have to say just numerous cases of  
4 both police officer and private citizen.

5 Q. Okay. Do you recall being asked about the  
6 live fire component of the training requirement?

7 A. Yes.

8 Q. And do you recall mentioning the  
9 importance of the training having experience of  
10 chambering a round?

11 A. It's a credible component given the  
12 technology of the current state-of-the-art weapons,  
13 and what caused all of the accidental discharges in  
14 Baltimore County were failure to recall, remember  
15 that there was a round previously chambered, and  
16 unfortunately, the person pulled the trigger unaware  
17 that there was a round in the chamber thinking  
18 ejection of the magazine was sufficient to safe the  
19 weapon.

20 Q. And how might the live fire component of  
21 the training prevent that situation?

22 A. I think it causes an individual to become

1     accustom to the mechanism, the operation of the  
2     weapon, and then just your muscle memory or  
3     training, again, and repeat a process of clearing  
4     the weapon before they determine, in fact, it's  
5     safe.

6                   MS. KATZ:   Okay.   I don't have any other  
7     questions.

8                   MR. SWEENEY:  I have no other questions.

9                   (Whereupon, signature not having been  
10    waived, the taking of the deposition concluded at  
11    1:19 p.m.)

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1 CERTIFICATE OF NOTARY PUBLIC

2 I, Kathleen M. Vaglica, the officer before  
3 whom the foregoing deposition was taken, do hereby  
4 certify that the witness whose testimony appears in  
5 the foregoing deposition was duly sworn by me; that  
6 the testimony of said witness was taken by me in  
7 stenotype and thereafter reduced to typewriting  
8 under my direction; that said deposition is a true  
9 record of the testimony given by said witness; that  
10 I am neither counsel for, related to, nor employed  
11 by any of the parties to the action in which this  
12 deposition was taken; and, further, that I am not a  
13 relative or employee of any attorney or counsel  
14 employed by the parties hereto, nor financially or  
15 otherwise interested in the outcome of the action.

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18 Notary Public in and for  
19 State of Maryland

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21 My Commission Expires:

22 January 10, 2019